



STOF RECREATION STUDENT-ATHLETE AND PARENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

STUDENT-ATHLETE NAME: _____

SPORT: _____

As a student-athlete, I understand my responsibility to commit to the principles of self-discipline, collaborative effort and team building, and to be an ambassador for the Seminole Tribe of Florida Recreation Department.

Academic Standards

I understand that the STOF Recreation Department is committed to the philosophy that student-athletes are students first and foremost and that all student-athletes must exhibit behaviors that demonstrate a commitment to maximizing academic success as their first priority. I understand that the athletics department has created the following standards, strategies, and policies to maximize the possibility of student-athletes meeting their academic goals. I understand that I am obligated to comply with the Seminole Way to Play Criteria:

- Must be enrolled in State Certified Educational System or program and must be in good academic standing and not truant.
- Pass/clear drug screening.
- Attend school the day of practice or competition unless the practice or competition is during regular school hours.
- Attend and participate in practices set by the Recreation Department or coaches
- STOF Youth residing outside of the state of Florida must provide all necessary documentation supporting the criteria.
- Meet the 2.0 GPA. If a student-athlete's grade point average drops below a 2.0, he or she will become automatically ineligible to participate until the grade point average returns to the 2.0 minimum.

Note: GPA will increase to 2.5 in October, 2017.

Note: Spring, Summer and Christmas break programs are exempted from the Seminole Way to Play (Field trips, museums, water parks, etc.)

Behavioral Expectations

I understand that student-athletes are visible representatives of the Seminole Tribe of Florida both at home and away games whose behaviors are often closely scrutinized by the media and general public. Student-athlete behavior affects public perception of the Tribe's standards and the character of the student-athlete population. Therefore, it is an expectation that student-athletes will demonstrate consistent role model behavior, sportsmanship and self-control. More specifically student-athletes:



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- Must be committed to fair play. Intentional acts of unsportsmanlike behavior or cheating will not be tolerated.
- Are prohibited from interacting in any negative way with fans or spectators.
- Will exercise self-control in all ways including, but not limited to, resisting the use of profanity, demonstrating unnecessary aggression or hostility towards others, making inappropriate physical gestures, taunting or excessively celebrating, and disrespecting coaches, officials, teammates or opponents.
- Are expected to remain positive and not use media interviews as a platform to share personal frustrations about the team, coaches, the athletics department or the institution or to make any negative comments about opponents or officials.
- Who are sanctioned by a school, local, state, or federal authorities may also result in sanctions from the STOF Recreation Department.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in the following disciplinary actions:

- **1st offense:** Written warning
- **2nd offense:** Suspension from participation or use of the facility is at the discretion of the site manager, Recreation Department but for no more than two(2) weeks
- **3rd offense:** Suspension from further participation or use of facility for one (1) month
- **4th offense:** Banned from further participation or use of facility for six (6) months

Teamwork and Team Expectations

I understand that team unity and team chemistry are key variables for a positive and successful athletics experience. Commitment to team goals is essential which, at times, may take precedence over individual goals. However, I understand that the STOF Recreation Department does not subscribe to a team culture based on intimidation or mandatory allegiance to questionable practices and requires that all student-athletes be treated fairly by coaches, support staff, and teammates. Under these conditions, I understand that student-athletes are expected to exhibit a level of selflessness that promotes team goals. More specifically student-athletes:

- Are expected to abide by team rules that have been approved/agreed to by the coaches and organizing body.
- Must arrive on time and be prepared for practices, tournaments or other team functions.
- Are expected to abide by all STOF Recreation Department policies including, but not limited to the policies that prohibit alcohol consumption, harassment, bullying, drug and tobacco use.
- Are expected to immediately report any behaviors they would describe as abusive by a coach, staff member, or a teammate to the Recreation Site Manager or Recreation Director.



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- Are expressly prohibited from engaging in sexual intimacies and other forms of inappropriate conduct with each other while at practice or tournaments.

Parent Expectations

I understand that as parents/guardians we are a vital aspect of the successful student-athlete experience. Commitment to team goals is essential, therefore it is an expectation that parents will commit to the following but not limited to:

- Seminole Way to Play Criteria
- On time arrival of your student-athlete to practices and tournaments. Provide coaches with a minimum of a 24 hour notice of tardies or absences.
- Positive sportsmanship behavior during practices and games
- No sideline coaching during practices or games

I agree to accept the participation standards and policies listed above and knowingly accept that violations of these standards may result in a variety of sanctions by the STOF Recreation Department including, but not limited to suspension or termination of participation in the athletics program and/or facility.

Student-Athlete Signature:

_____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature:

_____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____